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1. MAJOR ALOYS NSEKALIJE, SUPERVISOR OF MINISTRY INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND OF SECRETARIAT OF STATE FOR PLAN, TOLD ME AND GERMAN AMBASSADOR FROEWIS EVENING JULY 16 THAT NEW CABINET WOULD BE NAMED WITHIN WEEK OR TWO, WITH A NUMBER OF POSITIONS GOING TO CIVILIANS. HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER HE WOULD REMAIN AT HEAD OF MINISTRY. HE CONFIRMED THAT ALL RWANDAN AMBASSADORS HAD BEEN RECALLED FOR CONSULTATIONS. INDICATING SOME WOULD LOSE THEIR JOBS, HE SAID ALL SECTIONS OF COUNTRY SHOULD BE REPRESENTED AMONG THE NATION'S ENVOYS.

2. AMBASSADOR FROEWIS THEN VENTURED OPINION COUP AS EFFICIENT AS THAT NIGHT JULY 4-5 MUST HAVE BEEN PLANNED BEFOREHAND. NSEKALIJE POSITIVELY DENIED THIS, INSISTING HABYALIMANA'S AND OTHERS' LIVES HAD BEEN IN DANGER AND THEY HAD TO ACT FAST. HOWEVER, GERMAN LATER TOLD ME HABYALIMANA HIMSELF

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HAD ADMITTED TO HIM JULY 7 THAT NATIONAL GUARD HAD

IN FACT BEEN READY TO ACT. HABYALIMANA HAD EXPLAINED THEY WERE ABOUT FED UP WITH IRRESPONSIBLE AND "RADICAL" COURSE KAYIBANDA WAS PURSUING, EXEMPLIFIED BY ETHNIC VIOLENCE, EXPULSION OF FOREIGNERS, CRONYISM AND INEFFICIENCY, AND THAT JULY 4-5 EVENTS TRIGGERED IMPLEMENTATION OF CONTINGENCY PLANS.

3. NSEKALIJE SAID, INCIDENTALLY, THAT SUDDEN ABOLISHMENT OF POLICE (KIGALI'S A-67) WAS DONE WITHOUT CONSULTATION WITH HABYALIMANA. BELGIAN AMBASSADOR HAD TOLD ME EARLIER THAT HABYALIMANA HAD TOLD HIM SAME THING. APPARENTLY THIS WAS SOME KIND OF ANTI-HABYALIMANA STRATAGEM BY KAYIBANDA AND HIS ADVISERS WHICH OBVIOUSLY BACKFIRED. SUCH CAVALIER TREATMENT OF HIS MINISTER OF NATIONAL GUARD AND POLICE COULD NOT BUT HELP PREDISPOSE LATTER TO MOVE AGAINST KAYIBANDA.

4. GOR BULLETIN JULY 16 ANNOUNCED DEPARTURE OF DELEGATION TO VISIT FRANCE, GERMANY, BELGIUM, UK AND ITALY.
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